

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 3 with the following replacement paragraph.

FIGS. 12 and 13, illustrate portions of a hospital bed 410 including a further illustrative embodiment obstacle detection device 412 of the present invention. The obstacle detection device 412 includes a first or right side detection unit 470 associated with the right longitudinal side edge 14 of the hospital bed 410, a second or left side detection unit 472 associated with the left longitudinal side edge 16 of the bed ~~310~~ 410, and a third or foot end detection unit 474 associated with the foot end 20 of the bed ~~310~~ 410. The right side detection unit 470 is configured to detect an obstacle proximate the top of the right side member 21 of the base frame 24, while the left side detection unit 472 is configured to detect an obstacle along the top of the left side 23 of the base frame 24. Likewise, the foot end detection unit 474 is configured to detect an obstacle in front of the foot end cross member 29 of the base frame 24 at the foot end 20 of the bed 410. It should be appreciated that a fourth or head end detection unit (not shown) may be provided adjacent the head end 18 of the bed 410 for detecting an obstacle behind the head end cross member 31 of the base frame 24 of the bed 410.